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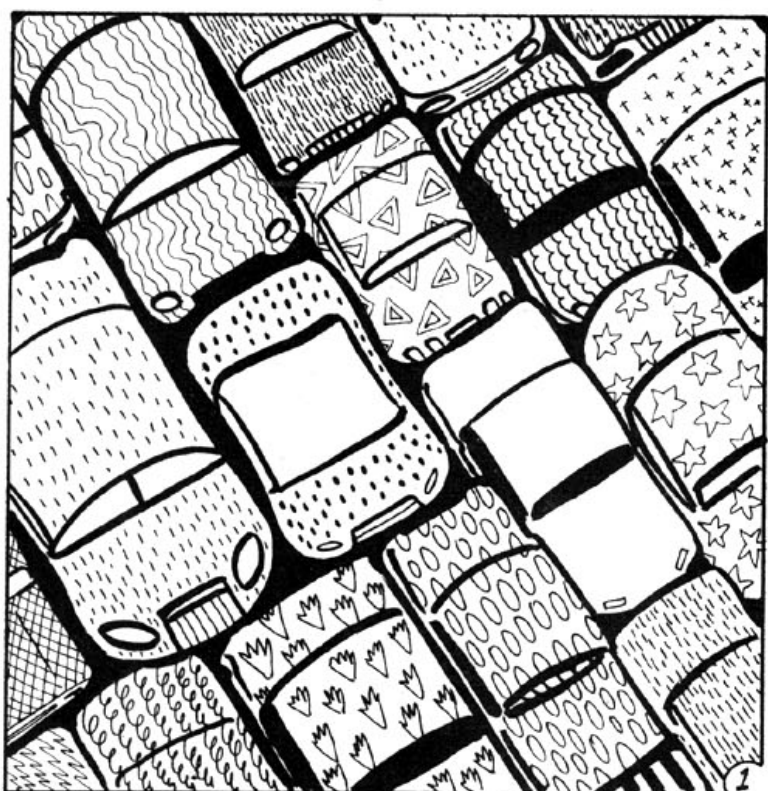
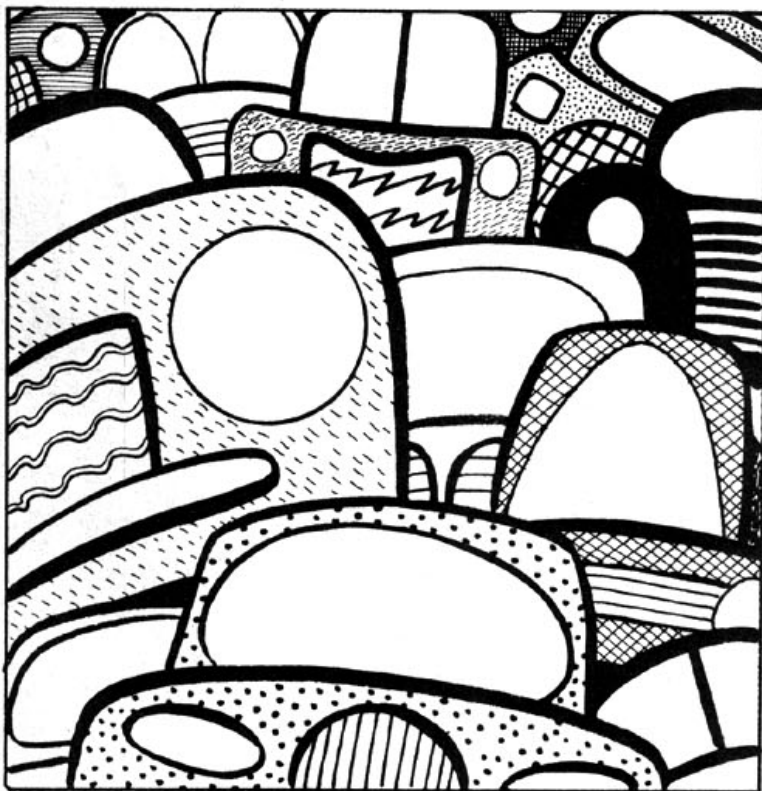
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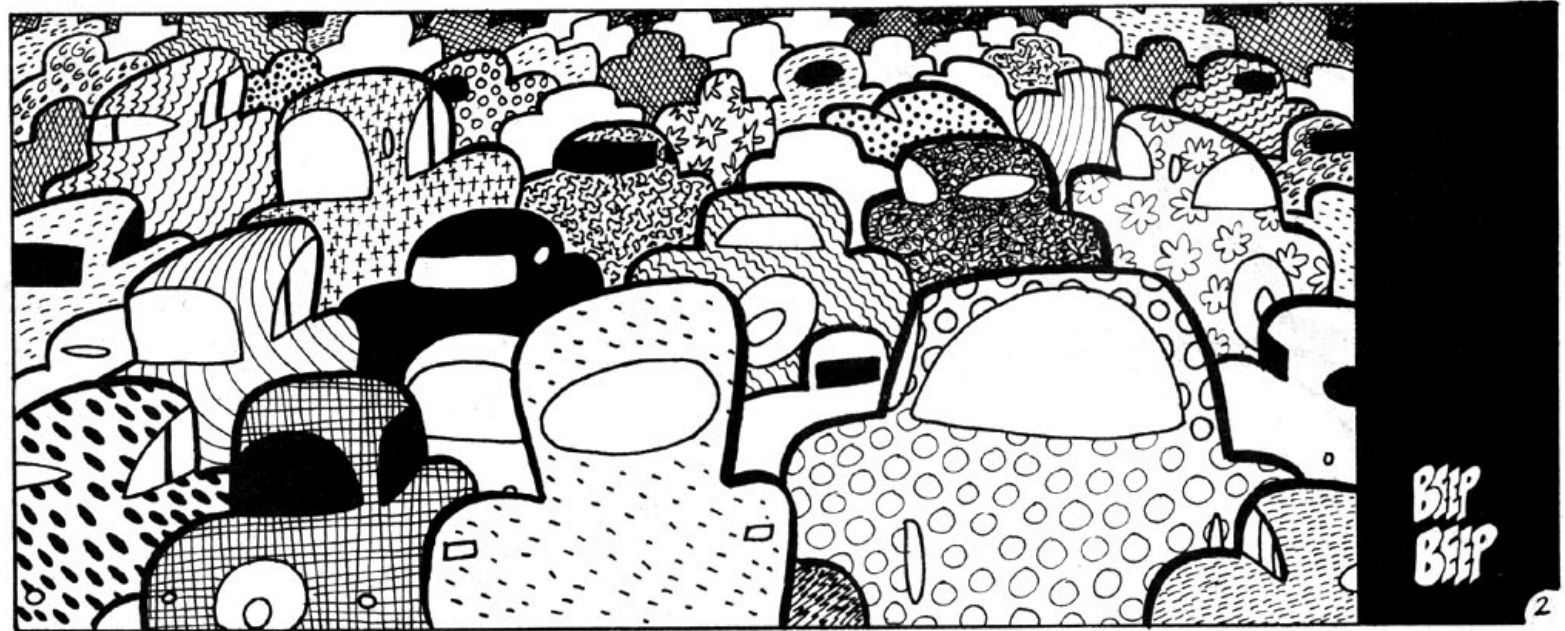
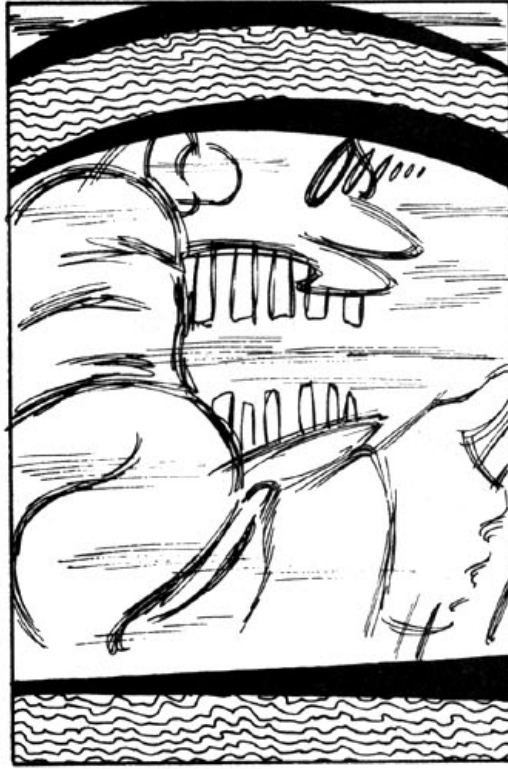
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# BEEP BEEP

By  
BOB  
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88









HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? LAST WEEK VICKI GLORI WENT TO THE W.W.W. WRESTLING BOARD WITH A REQUEST TO INSURE HER CHAMPIONSHIP BELT, BUT THE BOARD REFUSED TO MEET WITH HER!

NOW SHE THREATENS TO HOSPITALIZE ALL OPPONENTS UNTIL THE W.W.W. BOARD RECONSIDERS!

WELL, IT'S TEN MINUTES INTO THE MATCH AND SO FAR IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HER OPPONENT IS THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO BE HOSPITALIZED TONIGHT!

VICKI'S NEW ACCOUNTANT IS NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT THIS.



# POIAR BEARS

PART 2



BY JAIME "THE SPINKS JINX" HERNANDEZ 88



















THAT'S IT. THAT'S REALLY IT. I CAN'T TAKE THIS SHIT NO MORE.

WAIT, KID. LISTEN TO ME FOR A SECOND...



SHE SAID THAT, HUH? SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO. FEEL SORRY FOR HER WHEN SHE BREAKS MY ARM? SHEEE...

AU, DON'T GIVE UP! SHE NEEDS YOU!



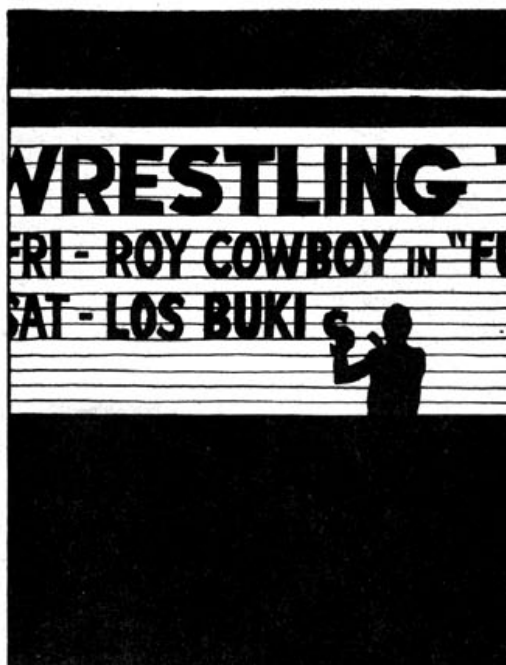
HELL, I NEED YOU...



"...SO DON'T JUDGE HER TOO HARSHLY. SHE REALLY DOES CARE ABOUT YOU, Y'KNOW."



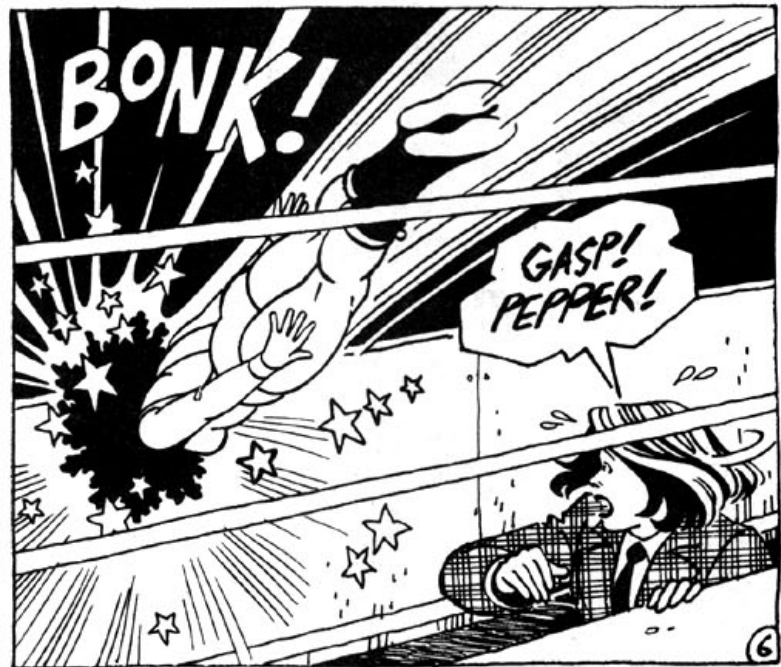
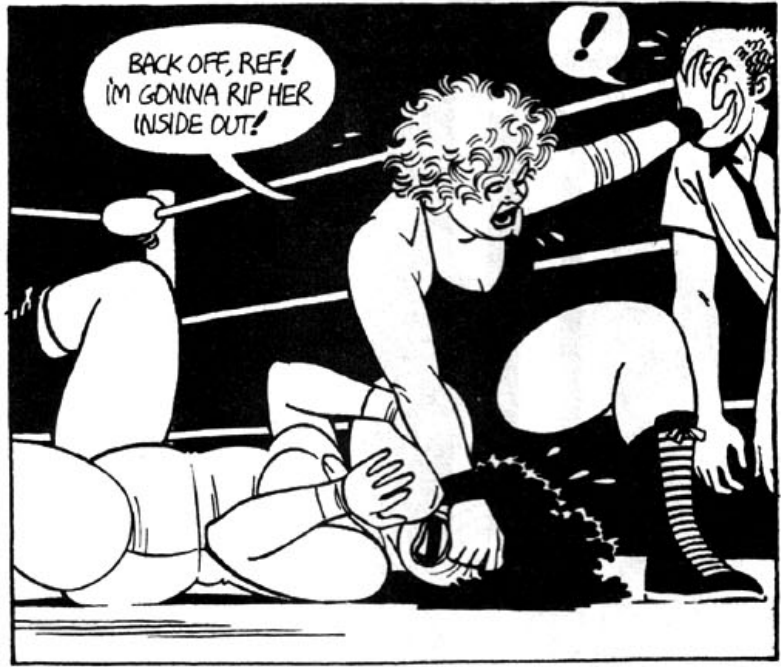
MY GOD, I KNOW I'M GONNA REGRET THIS...



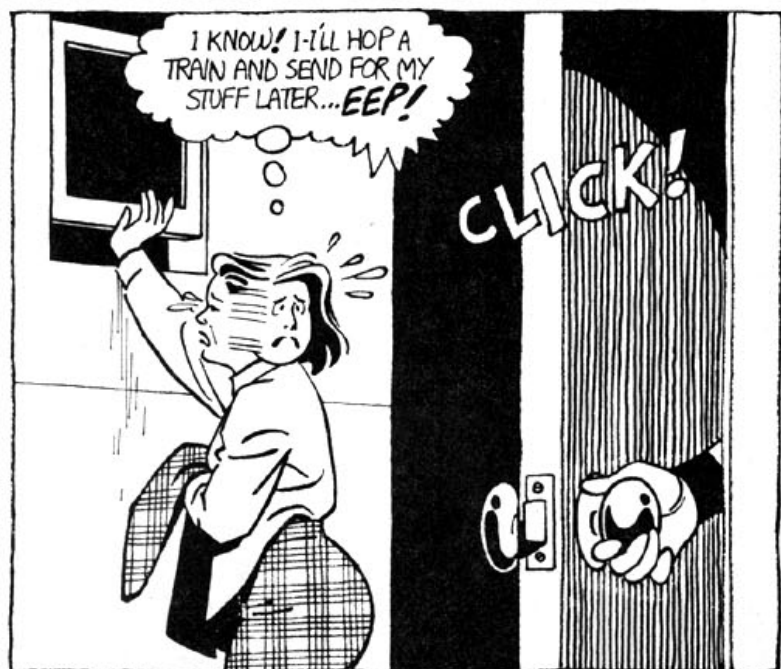
I WAS EASY ON THOSE OTHER SAPS COMPARED TO WHAT I'M GONNA DO TO THAT FAT MONSTER! SHE'S GONNA WISH SHE NEVER LEFT PUERTO RICO!

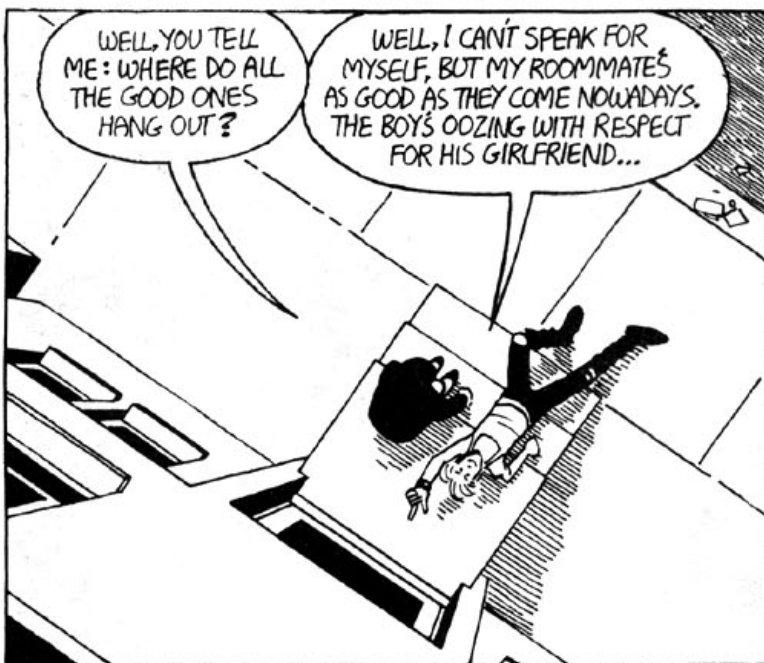


SOMEONE MUSTA DROPPED HER ON HER HEAD WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE 'CAUSE SHE AIN'T PLAYIN' WITH A FULL DECK! WHAT I'M GONNA DO TO HER, NONE OF HER TEXAS MILLIONS WILL BE ABLE TO REPAIR!















HEY, JUST BECAUSE THE PIG LADY FIRED YOU DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO QUIT THIS BIZ ALTOGETHER! WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US ON OUR EAST COAST TOUR?

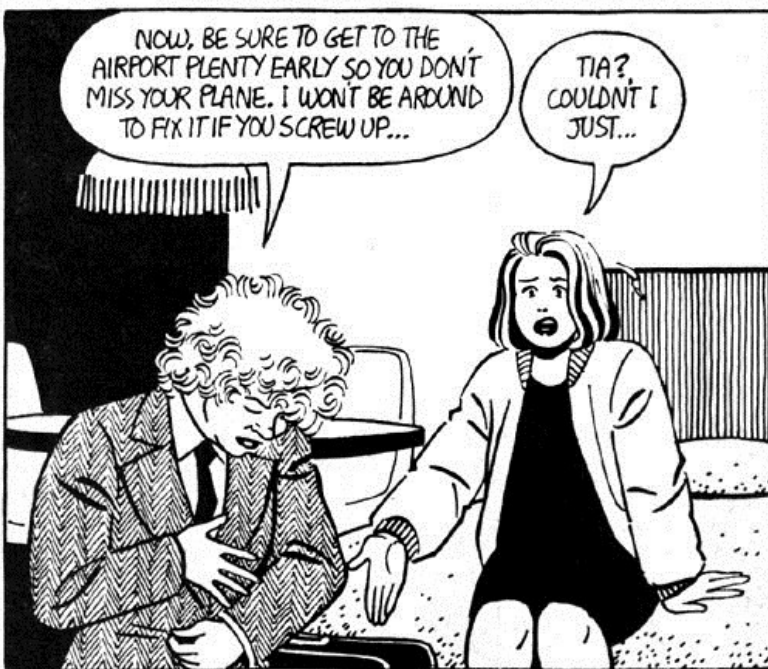


I ADMIT, IT WON'T BE JETS, HOTELS AND LIMOS, BUT IT'LL BE A GAS ALL THE SAME! WE'RE HITTING MOST BIG CITIES, AND...



OK, MAGGIE. I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. YOU HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME, Y'HEAR?

THANKS, PEPPER...



NOW, BE SURE TO GET TO THE AIRPORT PLENTY EARLY SO YOU DON'T MISS YOUR PLANE. I WON'T BE AROUND TO FIX IT IF YOU SCREW UP...

TIA? COULDN'T I JUST...



NOW DON'T START AGAIN WITH THAT PHONEY BULL ABOUT HOW YOU WANT TO BE WITH ME! YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED, SO KNOCK IT OFF, ALREADY!

IT-IT'S NOT PHONEY BULL...



LOOK, LET'S NOT FIGHT ABOUT THIS, SHRIMP. IT'S PERFECT FOR YOU NOW. THE FINAL SALE ON MY HOUSE AIN'T FOR A FEW MONTHS, SO YOU CAN LIVE IN IT UNTIL YOU FIX YOURSELF UP, AND SINCE I'M MOVING TO TEXAS AFTER THIS TOUR, YOU WON'T EVER HAVE TO SEE ME AGAIN. AIN'T THAT GREAT?

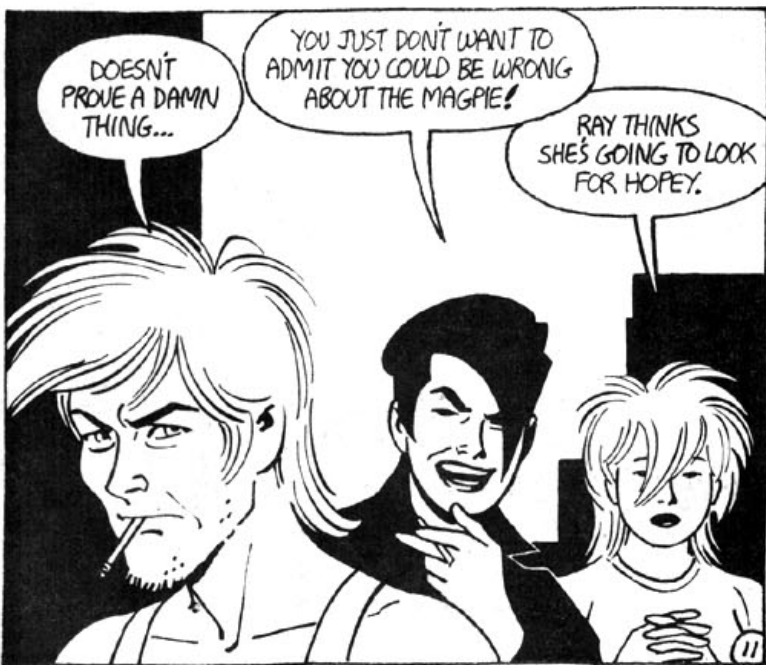
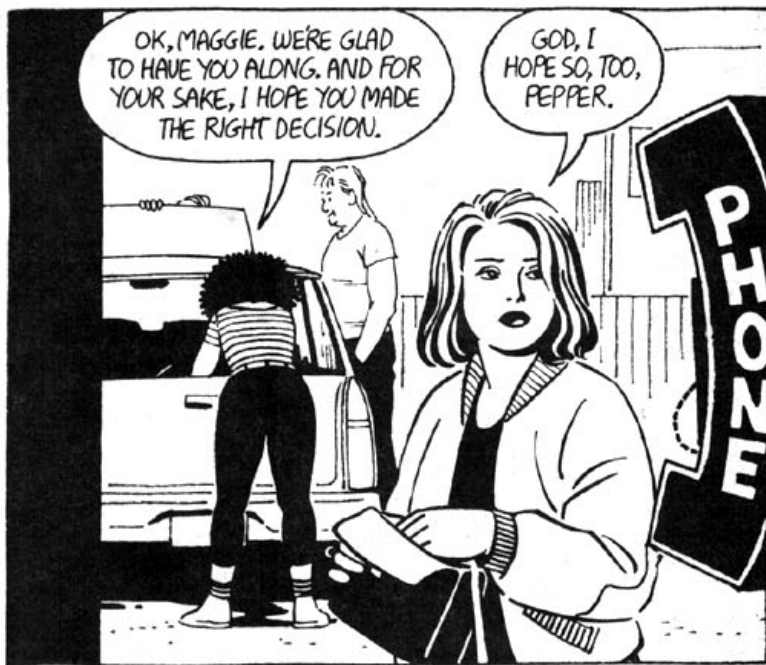
IT'S-NOT-PHONEY-BULL.



OH, IT'S NOT, HUH? YOU THINK I NEVER KNEW ABOUT YOU AND YOUR LITTLE DYKE FRIEND LAUGHING AND CURSING ME BEHIND MY BACK? NEVER ONCE IN YOUR GOD DAMN LIFE DID YOU APPRECIATE ANYTHING I DID FOR YOU! I WAS ALWAYS SOME MONSTER TO YOU! HA! TALK ABOUT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK!

OK...OK, THEN SO BE IT, SOVIET...



















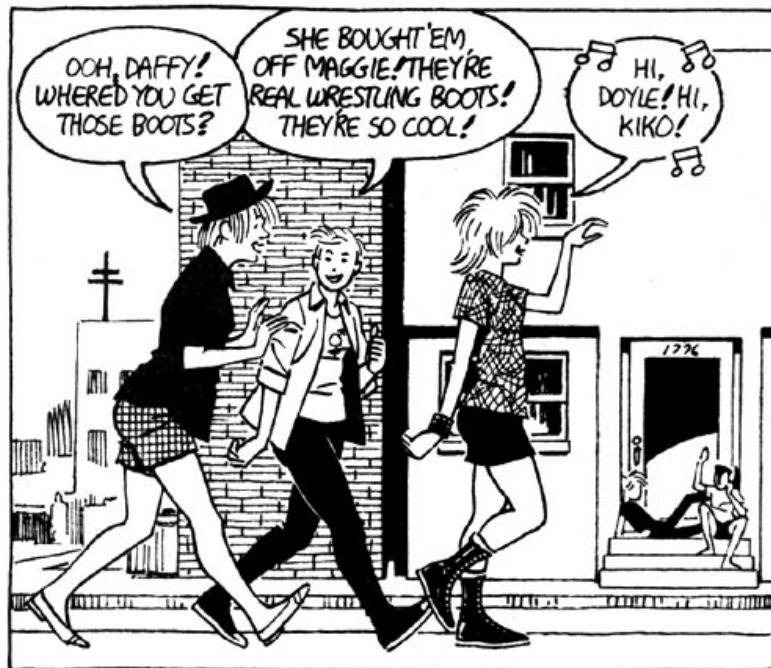














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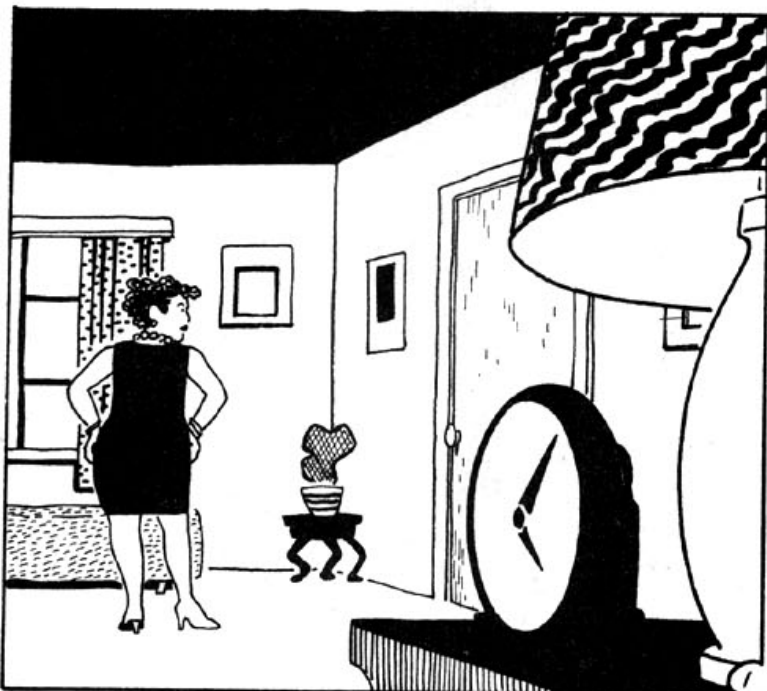
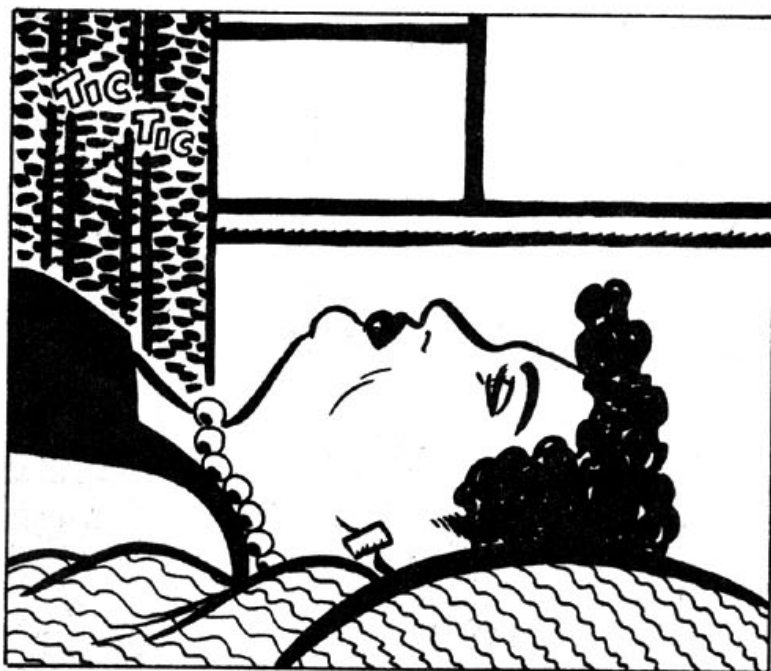
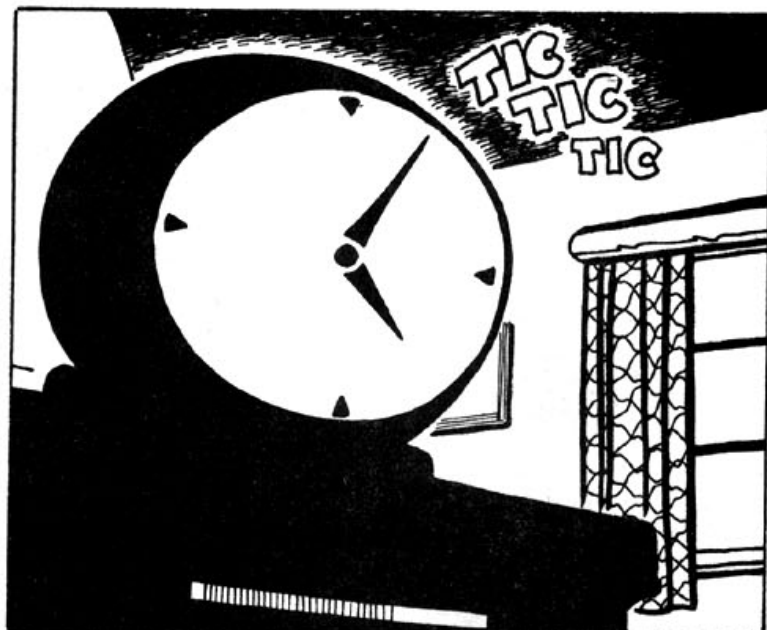
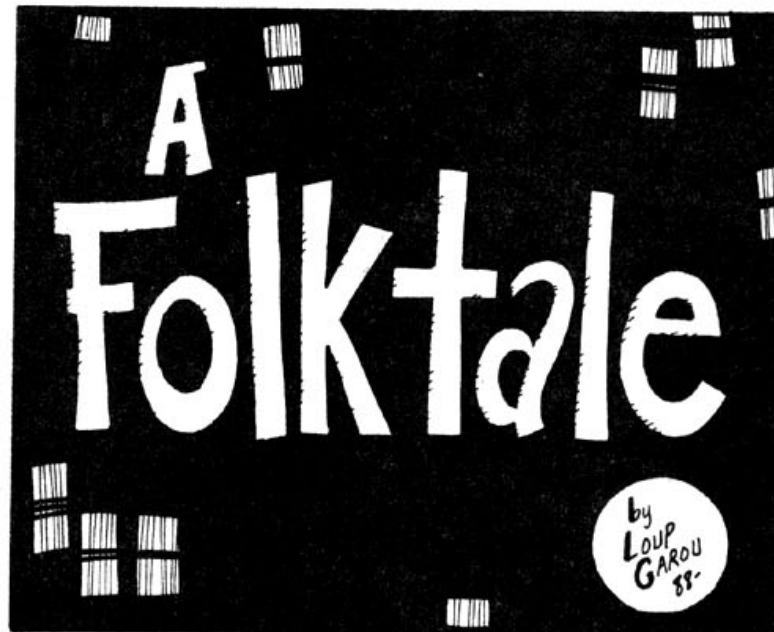
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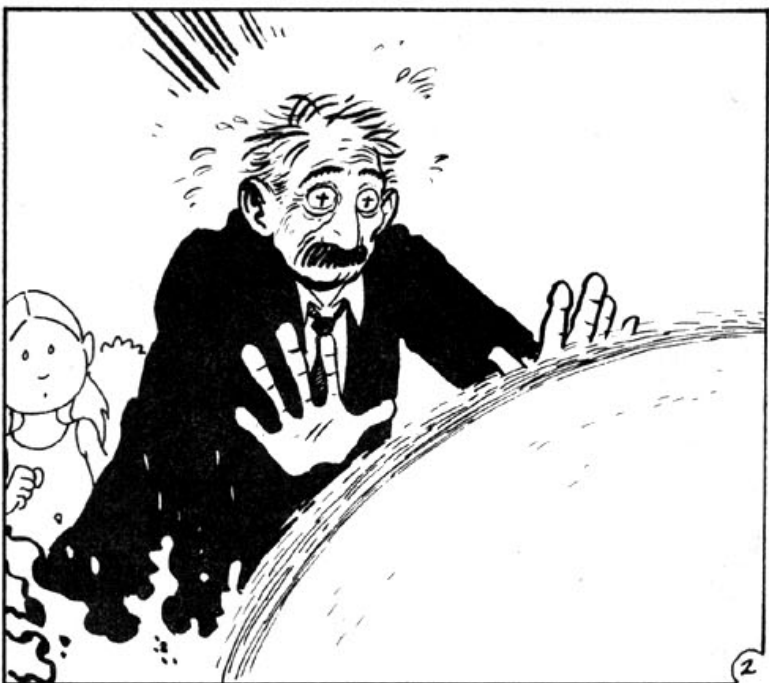
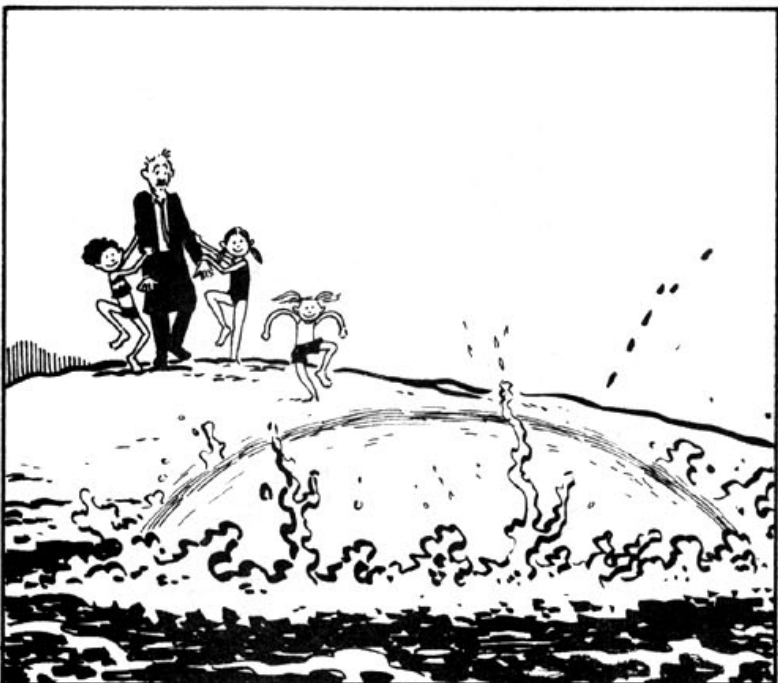
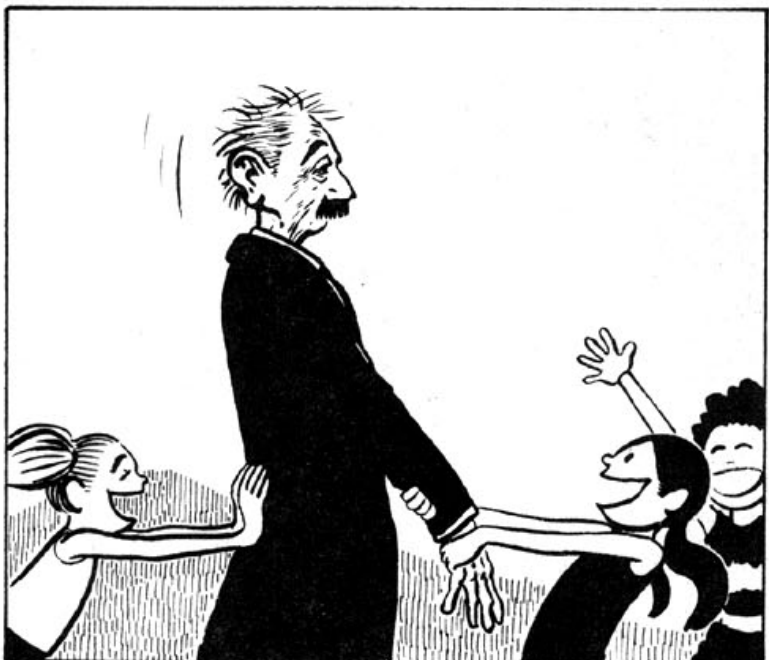
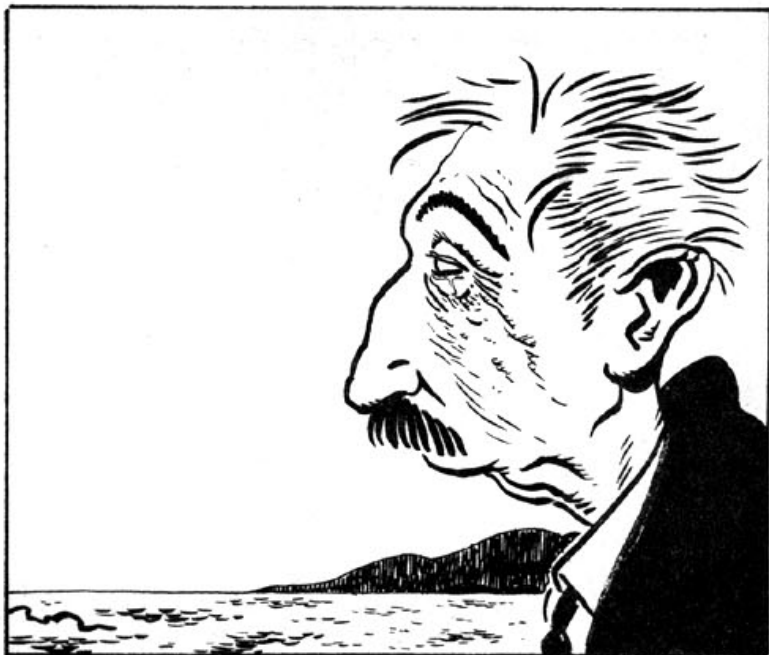
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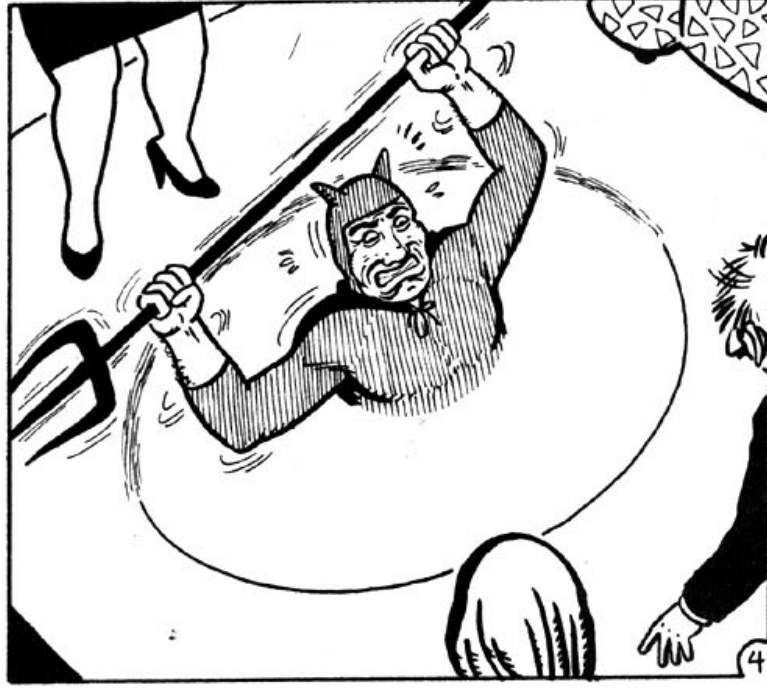
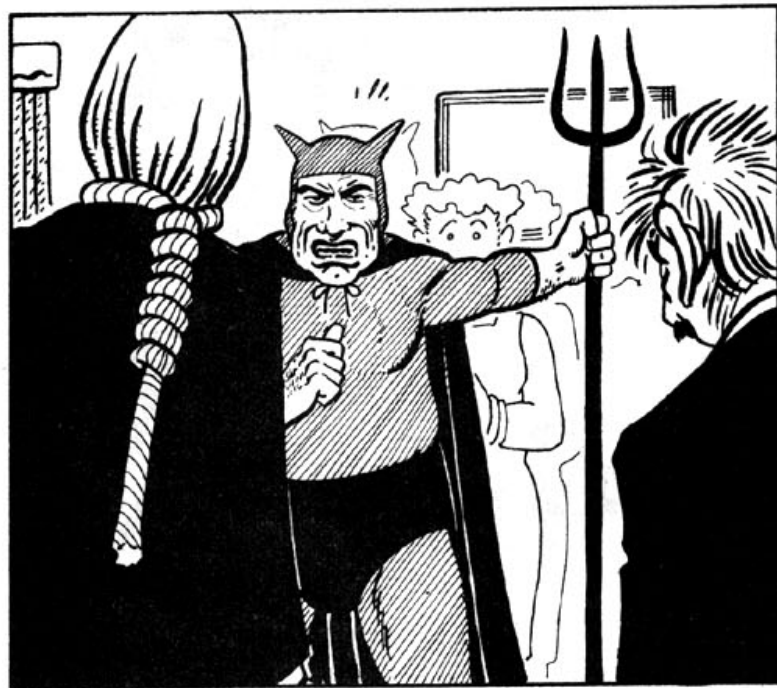
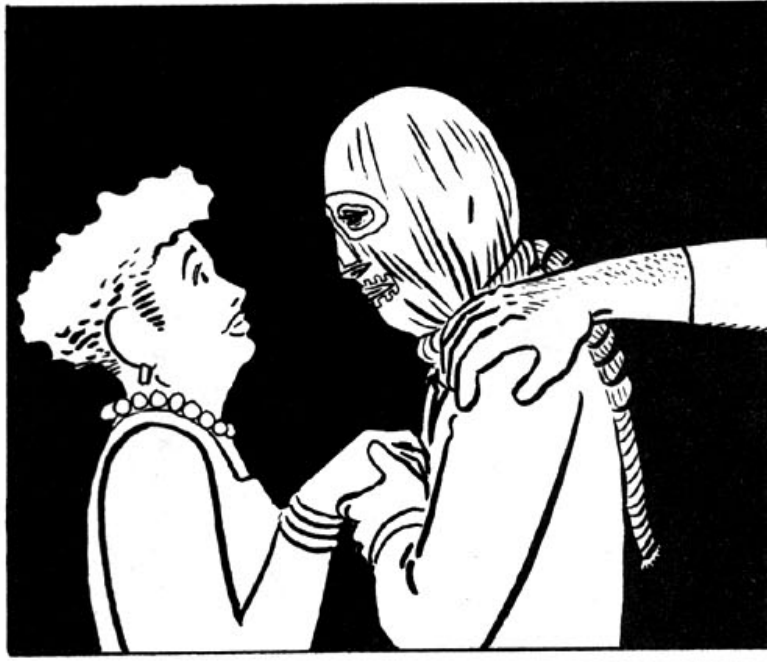
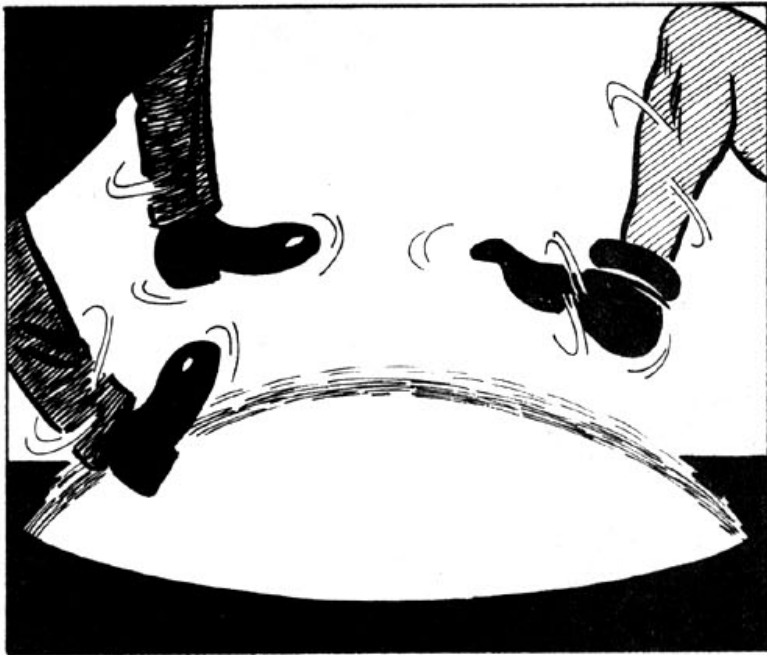
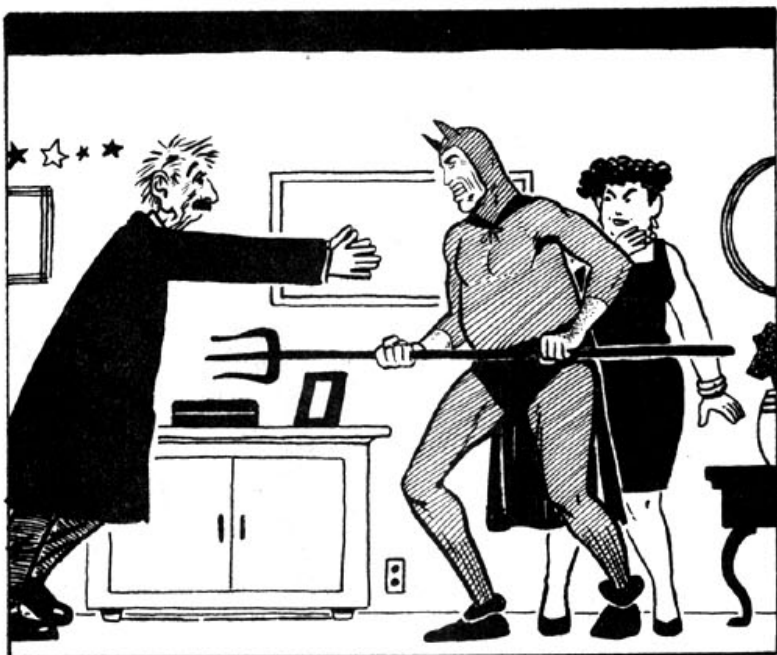


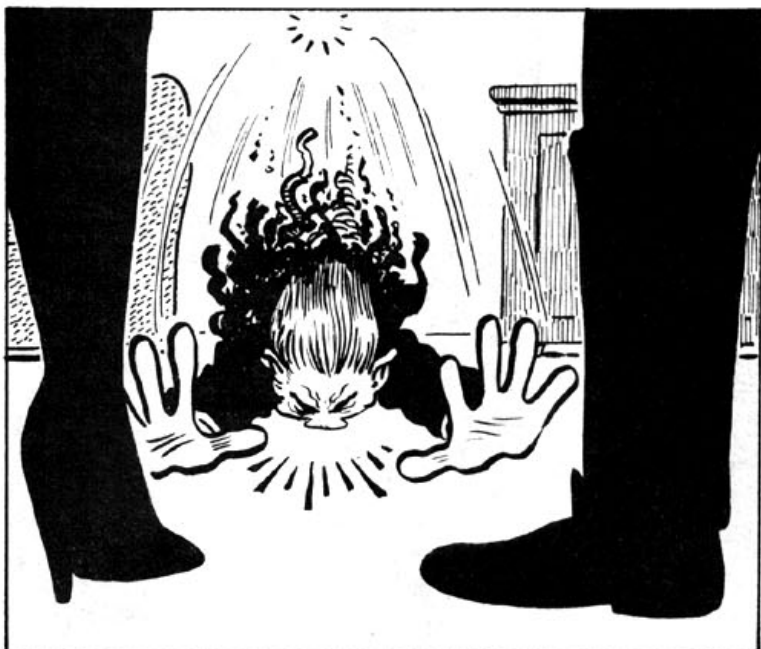




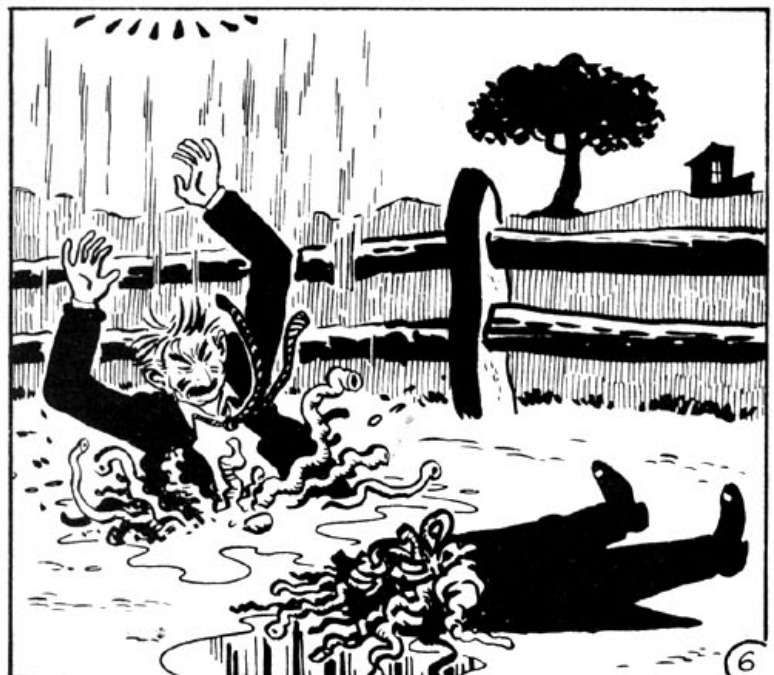
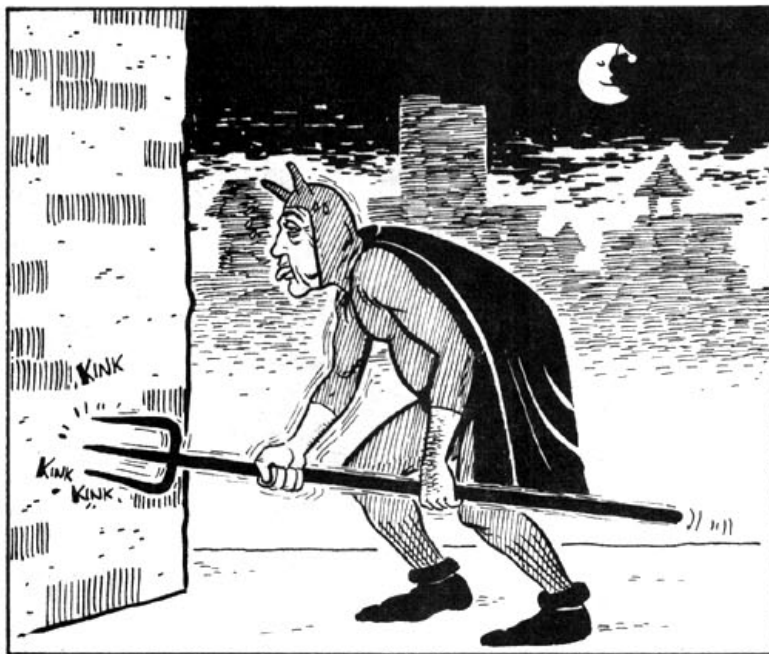
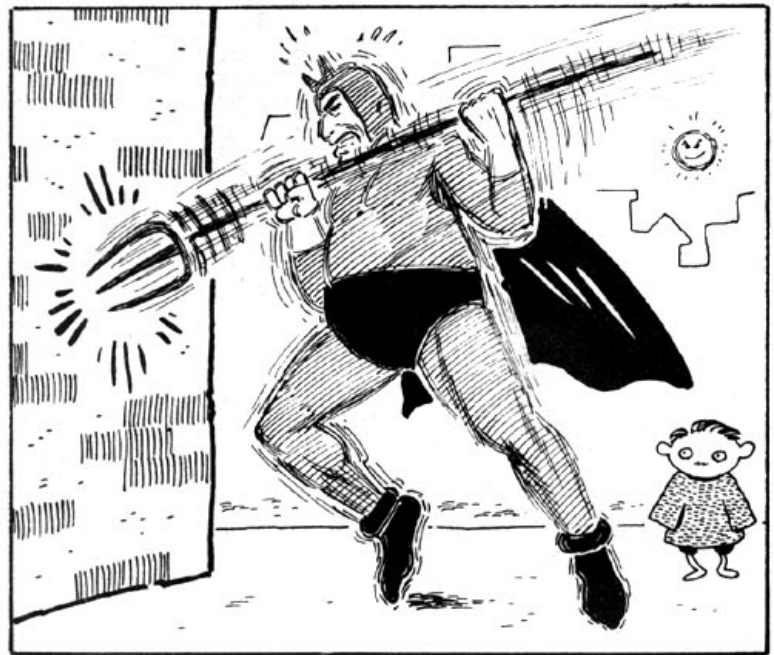
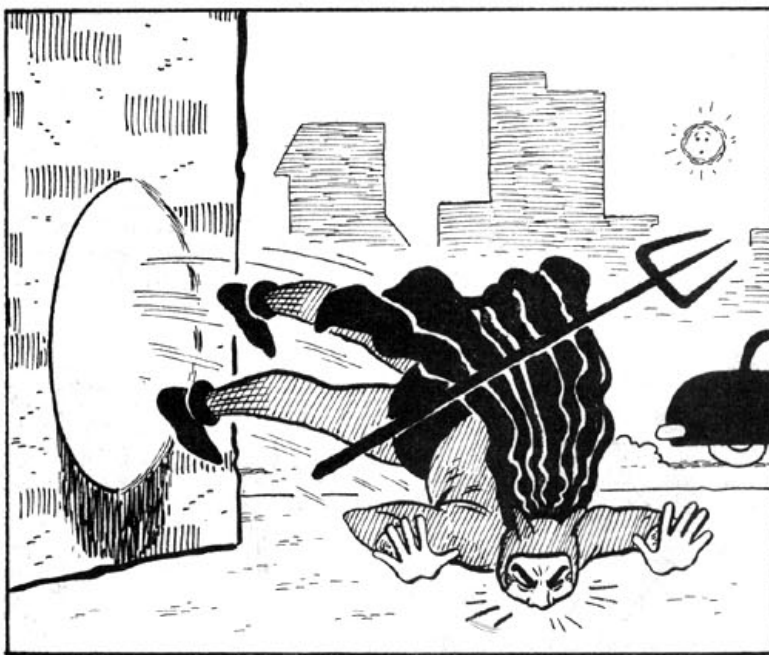


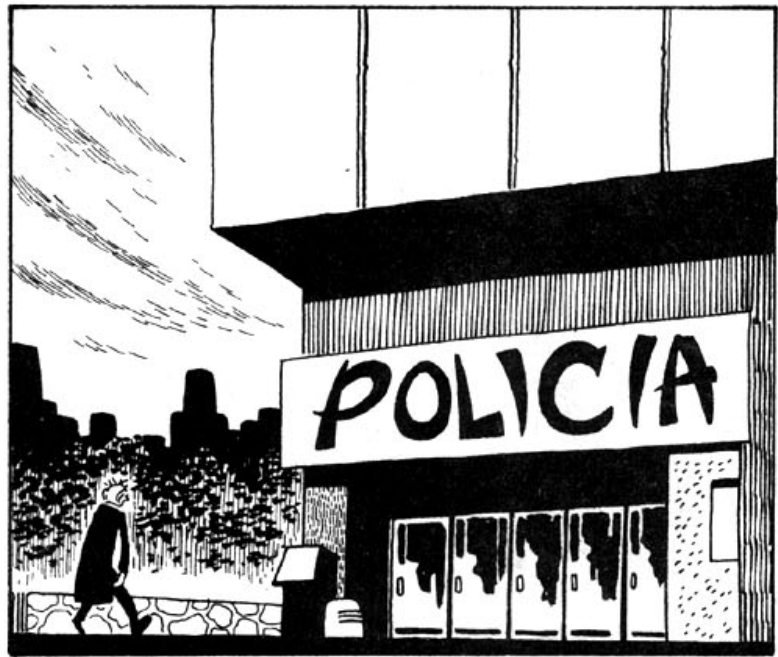
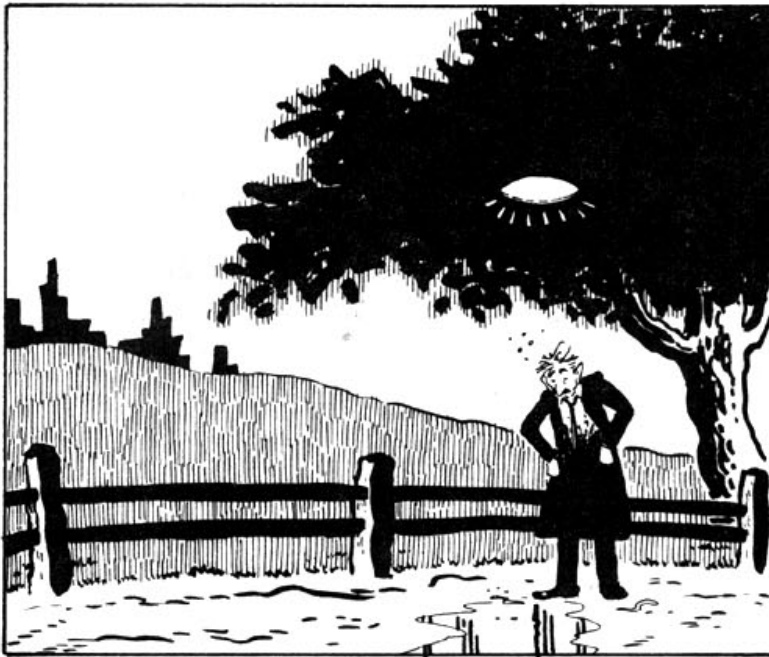














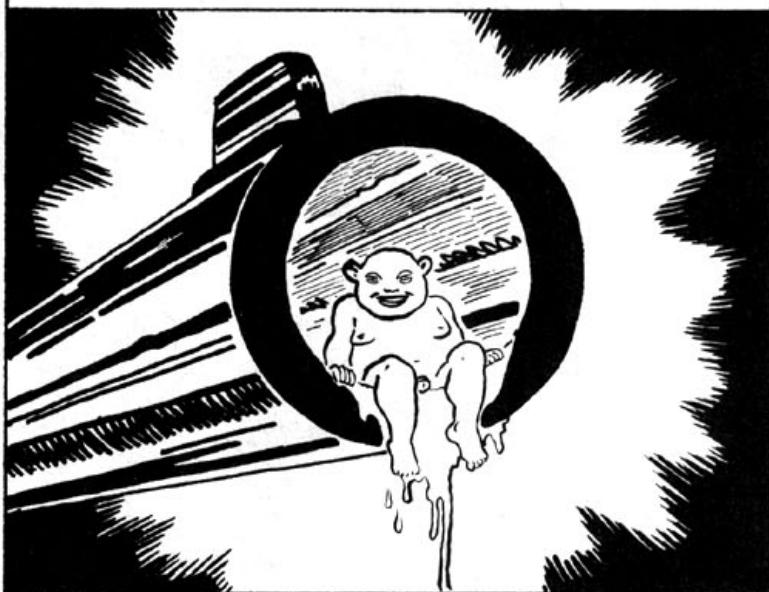
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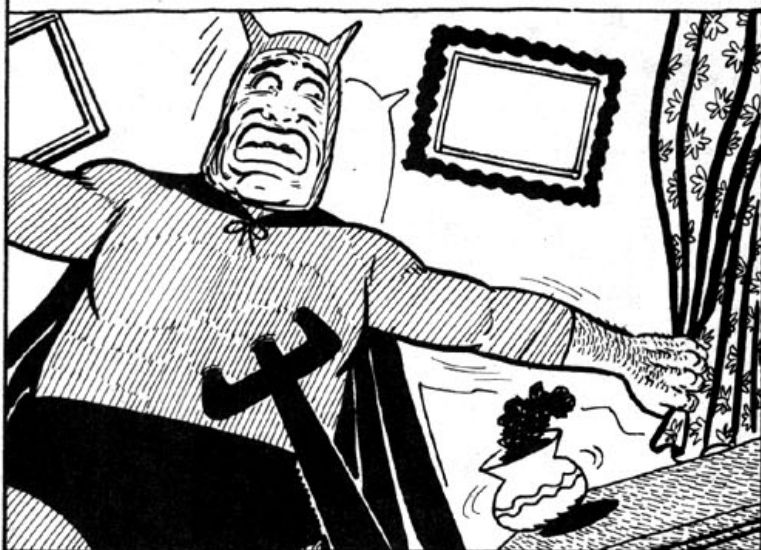
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STEÑA, WHY DID YOU NOT CHOOSE **SATAN**?



BECAUSE SATAN IGNORES HIS FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS; HE REPAYS THE BAD WITH COMFORT AND THE GOOD WITH HARDSHIP...



STEÑA, WHY THEN, DID YOU CHOOSE **DEATH**?



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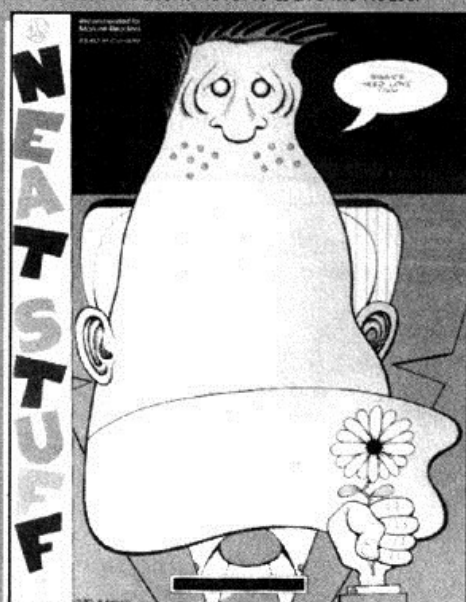
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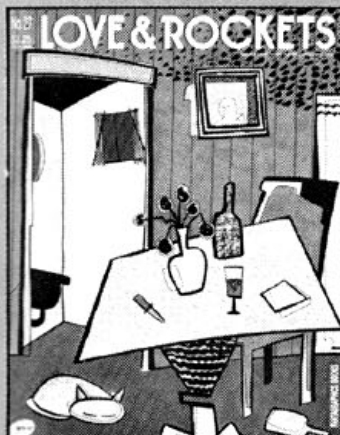
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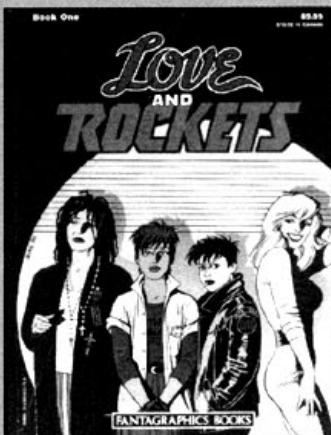
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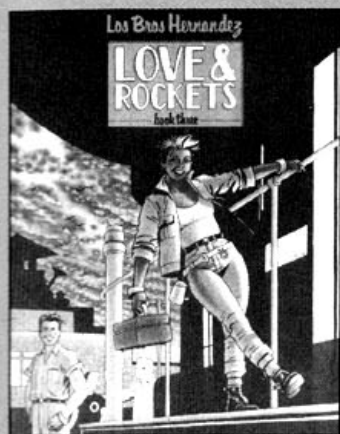
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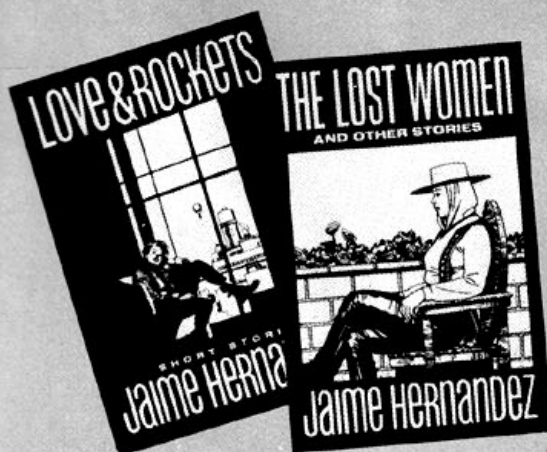
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